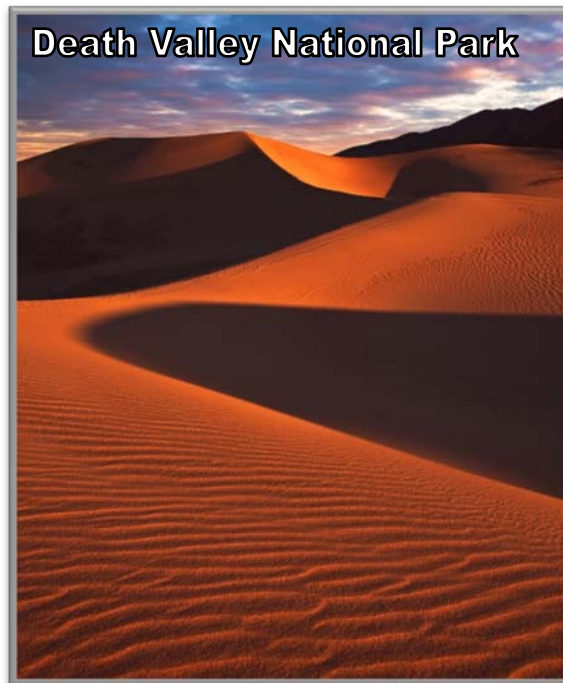


# Experience Oregon Tours

Death Valley National Park, Hoover Dam and Reno  
March 18 - 25, 2010

Squeezed on all sides by bare mountains, Death Valley National Park boasts other-worldly landscapes. At nearly 300 feet below sea level, it is the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere! Park rangers escort us through the valley and talk to us of ancient lakes, springtime desert blossoms and prehistoric human presence. Visit the home of the 20-Mule Team Borax, a laundry product long associated with the *Death Valley Days* radio and television programs. Tour Scotty's Castle, a 1920s eccentric Moorish mansion. See the awesome Panamint Mountains from Zabriskie Point, and so much more. Nearby in Nevada lies Lake Mead where we experience the incredible Hoover Dam from the cruising paddlewheeler *Desert Princess*. Country singer Buck Owen's Crystal Palace is not to be missed! Enjoy dinner, a live performance of the singing Buckaroos and a small collection of Buck's memorabilia. A visit to Calico Ghost Town adds intrigue as do several nights in Reno and Henderson, Nevada, where there are opportunities for trying your hand at lady luck. Reno is known as the "biggest little city in the world" and is full of entertainment possibilities. As an exciting and fascinating spring time get-away, this tour guarantees scenic beauty, historic fascination and the probability of some gorgeous weather.



## Day 1: Thursday, March 18

## Siskiyou Mountains, Mount Shasta and Sacramento

Travel south on I-5, stopping in the historic western town of Yreka for lunch, where Grandma's home cooking is always inviting. Weather permitting, see spectacular snow-covered Mount Shasta, one of the highest mountains in the country, then continue through north-central California's agricultural valley into Sacramento, home for the night.



### Day 1: Schedule

8:00 am	Depart Eugene's final pick-up point. All locations accommodate this time
11:45 am	Lunch at Grandma's House in Yreka
1:15 pm	Depart
5:45 pm	Arrive in Sacramento

**Hotel:** Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza

**Phone:** 916-446-0100

*Lunch included. Added cost: dinner*

**Day 2: Friday, March 19****Bakersfield and Buck Owen's Crystal Palace**

Experience California's "salad bowl", the San Joaquin Valley, enroute to Bakersfield. Located at the southern end of this valley, Bakersfield has for decades been known as one of the liveliest country music scenes in the nation. Tonight we are treated to a hearty meal and foot-stomping performance at Buck Owen's Crystal Palace. Hear former Country Hall of Famer Buck Owen's singing Buckaroos and browse memorabilia of Buck's vast career.

**Day 2: Friday, March 19**

6:00 am	Breakfast service begins in The Cyprus Grille. Dine when you wish.
7:30 am	Bags ready for collection
8:45 am	Depart Sacramento
12:15 am	Lunch at Harris Ranch
2:00 pm	Depart
4:00 pm	Arrive Bakersfield and check into hotel
5:45 pm	Depart for Buck Owen's Crystal Palace (pre-select meal)
9:15pm	Return to hotel

**Hotel:** Best Western Crystal Palace      **Phone:** 661-327-9651

*Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.*

*Dinner requires pre-selection from the following:*

- 1) top sirloin steak (cooked medium to med.well)
- 2) grilled centre cut pork chops
- 3) grilled salmon
- 4) BBQ chicken breast

**Day 3: Saturday, March 20****Calico Ghost Town**

After breakfast we are off to Calico Ghost Town, named for the variety of colors that were "as purty as a gal's calico skirt". Dating back to 1881, this historic silver mining town lives on as one of the few original Old West mining camps. Walk Main Street lined with mercantile stores, visit the Mystery Shack where water runs uphill and ride the narrow gauge mining train. Lunch is included at the Calico House Restaurant.

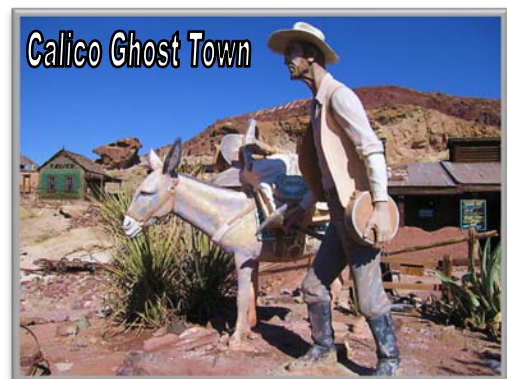
7:00 am	Breakfast buffet is served
7:00 am	Bags ready for collection
8:15 am	Depart hotel
11:00 am	Arrive Calico
12:30 pm	Lunch at Calico House Restaurant (pre-select meal)
2:00 pm	Depart
5:00 pm	Arrive Henderson

**Hotel:** Fiesta Hotel & Casino      **Phone:** 702-558-7000

*Breakfast and lunch included. Added cost: dinner*

*Lunch requires pre-selection from the following:*

- 1) cheeseburger and French fries
- 2) chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes,  
gravy, hot vegetables
- 3) bowl of beef stew with cornbread
- 4) garden burger with French fries



**Day 4: Sunday, March 21**

**Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, Valley of Fire**

Hoover Dam stands at 726 feet and is one of the highest concrete dams ever constructed. We tour the Power plant, the Visitor Center and the Observation Deck. Then cruise Lake Mead on the paddlewheeler *Desert Princess*, where views of the dam and mountains are spectacular. Lunch is served on board. Just an hours drive away is The Valley of Fire, often called "Playground of the Gods." Our visit here includes a step-on-guide who leads us through this sacred Indian land of brilliant sandstone formations and fills us with fascinating geological and historical information.

- 7:00 am Breakfast service begins
- 8:20 am Depart hotel
- 9:00 am Arrive Hoover Dam for tour
- 11:00 am Depart for boat dock
- 12:00 pm Paddlewheeler cruise departs (pre-select)
- 1:30 pm Cruise boat returns to dock
- Visit Valley of Fire State Park
- 6:00 pm Arrive hotel



**Hotel:** Fiesta Hotel & Casino

**Phone:** 702-558-7000

*Breakfast and lunch included Added cost: dinner*

*Lunch requires pre-selection of the following sandwich meat:*

- 1) ham
- 2) turkey breast



**Day 5: Monday, March 22**

**Death Valley National Park: Lower Valley**

Drive into Death Valley this morning, a superlative desert of streaming sand dunes, snow-capped mountains, multicolored rock layers and water-fluted canyons. Our lunch is hosted by Furnace Creek Ranch, then a park ranger joins us for a guided tour of the Lower Valley. Sights include Devil's Golf Course, Badwater, Dante's View, Zabriskie Point and the Harmony Borax Works. Tonight's dinner at the Ranch's Wrangler Steakhouse consists of BBQ pork ribs and chicken.

- 7:00 am Breakfast service begins
- 7:45 am Bags ready for collection
- 8:30 am Depart Henderson
- 11:45 am Arrive Death Valley for lunch
- 1:15 pm Depart for afternoon tour of the Lower Valley
- 4:15 pm Check into hotel
- 6:00 pm Dinner at Wrangler Steakhouse

**Hotel:** Furnace Creek Ranch

**Phone:** 760-786-2345

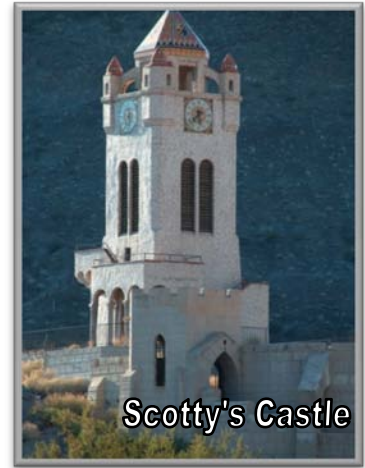
*Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.*

*No added cost.*



**Day 6: Tuesday, March 23                      Death Valley: Scotty's Castle and Upper Valley**

This morning's tour of the Upper Valley features Ubehebe Crater, the view from Burned Wagon Point, and a walking tour of the eccentric two-million-dollar Scotty's Castle complex begun in 1922. Though never completed, Will Rogers and Norman Rockwell were said to have been guests. Tour guides dressed in 1930s garb lead us through the main house sharing anecdotes and insights about the memorialized Death Valley Scotty. After a box lunch at the castle, return to the hotel at Furnace Creek for an afternoon at leisure. In the early evening ride a hay wagon to a good old-fashioned barbecue dinner here chicken is served.

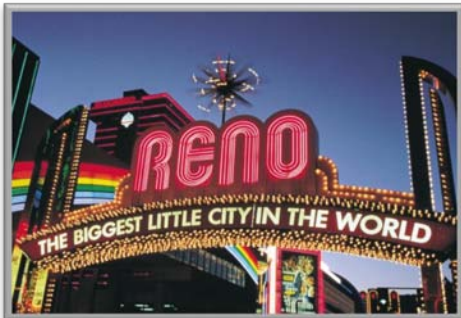


6:00 am            Breakfast service begins. Dine when you wish.  
8:00 am            Depart for Scotty's Castle tour,  
                         morning sightseeing and box lunch  
12:45 pm          Return to hotel for afternoon at leisure.  
5:00 pm            Departure on hay wagon for barbeque dinner  
7:00 pm            Return to hotel

**Hotel:** Furnace Creek Ranch            **Phone:** 760-786-2345  
*Breakfast, lunch and dinner included. No added cost.*

**Day 7: Wednesday, March 24            Reno**

Travel north through western Nevada stopping at Tonopah for lunch. Overnight in Reno, the city that calls itself "The Biggest Little City in the World". Enjoy a show or gambling or take the opportunity to just relax.



6:00 am            Breakfast service begins.  
6:30 am            Bags ready for collection  
7:15 am            Depart Death Valley  
11:00 am          Arrive Tonopah for lunch  
12:15 pm          Depart  
6:15 pm            Arrive Reno; check into hotel

**Hotel:** El Dorado Hotel Casino    **Phone:** 775-786-570  
*Breakfast \$10 coupon included. Added cost: lunch and dinner*

**Day 8: Thursday, March 25                      Homeward bound**

Early morning departure finds us traveling north through California and southern Oregon enroute to the Willamette Valley. This is a long day so sit back, relax and reminisce about our beautiful springtime journey to the desert.

Breakfast at your leisure. Tivoli Garden Coffee Shop is open 24 hours.

6:30 am            Bags ready for collection  
7:30 am            Depart Reno  
11:45 am          Arrive for lunch in Alturas (pre-select)  
12:45 pm          Depart  
7:00 pm            Arrive Eugene

*Breakfast and lunch included. No added cost*  
*Lunch requires pre-selection from the following sandwiches:*  
1) turkey  
2) ham and cheese

**The cost of this trip is only \$1395 per person double occupancy, \$1735 for single occupancy, and \$1316 per person for triple occupancy.** Tour includes: seven nights hotel, seven breakfasts, seven lunches including a luncheon cruise on Lake Mead, three dinners including a country hay wagon ride and barbeque feast, dinner and show at Buck Owen's Crystal Palace, a tour of The Valley of Fire with step-on-guide, two half-day tours of Death Valley with local step-on-guide, Lake Mead Recreation admission fee, Death Valley National Park admission fee, tour of Hoover Dam, guided tour of and admission to Scotty's Castle, maid service gratuity at Furnace Creek Ranch, personal photograph upon boarding *Desert Princess* paddlewheeler, all Experience Oregon transportation and tours as described, round trip baggage handling, all taxes and gratuities for the above mentioned, and services of an Experience Oregon Tour Director throughout.

**Deposit:** \$250 per person at time of booking.

**Payment/Cancellation Policy:** Payment is required in full sixty (60) days prior to tour departure. If payment is not received by this time, reservations may be cancelled and any waitlisted passenger could be placed in the vacant seat. Cancellations received after final payment date are charged \$100 per person cancellation fee plus any irretrievable payments made to vendors. Cancellations made less than seven (7) days prior to departure including no-shows are non-refundable. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended. Call for details.

**Triples:** At some hotels fire code prevents a rollaway in the room so in those cases two people would have to sleep in 1 double, queen or king bed.

**Meals:** Please call in your pre-selection requests when you make your tour reservation. If you require vegetarian entrees it is essential that you let us know at that time.

**Please note:** Walking is an important part of this tour so be sure to bring comfortable, rubber-soled shoes. Walking will be necessary in Death Valley between the lodging and the restaurant. Distance is approximately 1 block. The tour at Scotty's Castle includes walking up and down 21 stairs. If you are unable to do this, the Castle has a chair lift but strictly reserves its use to 2 people per tour. Please let us know if you will need this service when you make reservations. Experience Oregon is not a handicap accessible company.

- Trip cancellation insurance is recommended. Call us for details.
- Bring a bathing suit as some hotels have pools and/or spas.
- Alcoholic beverages are not included in the cost of the meals.
- If travel will require more than two hours, we plan a rest stop.
- While a nametag will be provided to you, wearing the nametag is always optional.
- To insure proper portage, please be sure luggage tags are on all pieces of luggage except hand carry items. Should you have more than one piece of luggage requiring portage a \$10 per day charge will be made for each additional luggage piece.
- Please note that all times are approximate and subject to change depending on circumstances of the day.
- Seat rotation on extended trips will take place.
- We try to accommodate room preferences, but we cannot guarantee the hotel will honor those requests.
- Customary end-of-the-tour gratuity for Experience Oregon escort and driver is not included in your tour price. Gratuities can be extended on a voluntary basis and should be in direct proportion to the professionalism and service extended to you throughout the tour.
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